

10. (Currently amended) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:
a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;
a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between adjacent the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys; and
a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the adjacent key structures when the keyboard is in an operative position for inputting information to the computer.
11. (Currently amended) ~~The keyboard of claim 10~~ A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:
a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;
a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys;
and
a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the key structures;
wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures includes power means for providing power to the computer.
12. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 11 wherein the power means comprises a power source.
13. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 11 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.
14. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises an integrated circuit.
15. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises a passive component.
16. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer

component disposed between the key structures comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

17. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 16 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The keyboard of claim 10~~ A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys;
and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the key structures;

wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises storage means for storing data.

19. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising:

a central processing unit;

output means for outputting data from the computer; and

a keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between ~~the~~ adjacent key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the adjacent key structures.

20. (Currently amended) ~~The computer system of claim 19~~ A computer system comprising:

a central processing unit;

output means for outputting data from the computer; and

a keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the key structures;

wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures includes power means for providing power to the computer.

21. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 20 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

22. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 20 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

23. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises an integrated circuit.

24. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises a passive component.

25. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

26. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 25 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

27. (Currently amended) ~~The computer system of claim 19~~ A computer system comprising:

a central processing unit;

output means for outputting data from the computer; and

a keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the key structures;

wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises storage means for storing data.

28. (Currently amended) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key of the plurality of keys having a key structure supporting a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section key space;

a keyboard structure for holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section key space when the keyboard is in an operative position for inputting information to the computer.

29. (Currently amended) ~~The keyboard of claim 28~~A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key of the plurality of keys having a key structure supporting a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section key space;

a keyboard structure for holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section key space;

wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

30. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 29 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

31. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 29 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

32. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises an integrated circuit.

33. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises a passive component.

34. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

35. (Currently amended) ~~The keyboard of claim 34~~ A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key of the plurality of keys having a key structure supporting a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section key space;

a keyboard structure for holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section key space;

wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer and the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

36. (Currently amended) ~~The keyboard of claim 28~~ A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key of the plurality of keys having a key structure supporting a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section key space;

a keyboard structure for holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section key space;

wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises storage means for storing data.

37. (Previously presented) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure and a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section undepressed key capless key space;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space and being mounted to a surface facing the plurality of keys.

38. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

39. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 38 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

40. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 38 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

41. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space comprises an integrated circuit.

42. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space comprises a passive component.

43. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undeepressed key capless key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

44. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 43 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

45. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undeepressed key capless key space comprises storage means for storing data.

46. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37, wherein:
the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys also define a section undeepressed key space; and
the computer component other than a keyboard component is at least partly disposed in the section undeepressed key space.

47. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undeepressed key space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

48. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undeepressed key space comprises an integrated circuit.

49. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undeepressed key space comprises a passive component.

50. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undeepressed key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

51. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 41 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

52. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key space comprises storage means for storing data.

53. (Previously presented) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure and a key cap;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another;

the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a bounding key set undepressed key capless space;

a printed circuit board having an inner surface facing the plurality of keys and an opposing outer surface; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space and being mounted to the inner surface of the printed circuit board.

54. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

55. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 54 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

56. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 54 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

57. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises an integrated circuit.

58. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises a passive component.

59. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

60. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 59 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

61. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises storage means for storing data.

62. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 53, wherein:
the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys also define a bounding key set undepressed key set space; and
the computer component other than a keyboard component is at least partly disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space.

63. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

64. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises an integrated circuit.

65. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises a passive component.

66. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

67. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 66 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

68. (Previously presented) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises storage means for storing data.